

We returned to the bus, elated with the day's events. The bus made a stop at downtown Montreux. We were surprised to see so many people on the streets. The French Swiss people are a refined people. It was lunch time and we shopped at "Megro's" market and ate our lunch on the bus. It was parked in front of the Cafe De L Apollo at Vu DiuLac and a Peter and Elliot Theatre. A crowd of people gathered, including a group of beautiful young girls dressed in yellow and blue uniforms, waiting to participate in a parade. As we watched, huge Walt Disney characters came out of the theatre--Donald Duck, Mickey Mouse, Pluto and Dumbo--marched down the street following the Band and Baton Twirlers. A band led the parade down the street with a big crowd following. We watched until the parade disappeared.

As we left Montreux, we traveled through a beautiful countryside with acres of vineyard to the right and to the left of us. We rode through several villages--Viva with its Nestle's candy factory, Corseau, where we saw the villa of Ona O'Neal and the late Charlie Chaplin, and more vineyards. There were big nets over some of the vines to protect the grapes from the birds. We traveled back through Vaud where a big highway was being constructed across a wide and deep canyon. The pillars were huge.

Another village, Chatenues, has a Retirement Home. It was interesting to know that each of the many retirement homes in Switzerland have nurses to care for the retirees. The Catholic Church predominates in this area. The Canton of Friborg is beautiful with green rolling hills and grazing Swiss brown cows, although we did see a herd of Holstein cows. In the Village of Bulle, the people were holding a cattle market today. The homes in this area are built of stucco with various shades of green and brown painted shutters and roofs. The autumn leaves have turned red and in each village we traveled through there was a picturesque castle tower and church spire, a beautiful sight.

As we traveled up over the Juan Pass, the same road we traveled on this morning, we could see the Gruyeres Lake and nearby